



## **Shelby Christian Church**

**CORE 52: NEW LENS - THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT**

**MARK 12:29-31, EXODUS 20 \* 9/28/2025**

**What are some of the unique or quirky ways you've shown love to someone you are close to (spouse, child, parent, etc.)?**

**What are some ways you've seen the word "love" used that fall short of the biblical meaning?**

**How do you respond to this statement: "Our love of God can only be enacted through our care for our neighbor"?**

**Who is someone in our life that you find difficult to love?**

**HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ MARK 12:29-31**

**Why do you think Jesus emphasizes love as the foundation of the commandments? In what ways do you find it easy or difficult to love God with your whole heart, soul, mind, and strength?**

**How are the first and second commandments connected? How does loving God influence how we love others?**

**What does it mean to love your neighbor "as yourself" in practical terms? Who is our neighbor?**

**HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ EXODUS 20**

**How does God introduce Himself before giving the commandments (vv. 1–2)?**

**Which commandment(s) stand out to you as particularly challenging or convicting?**

**Why do you think God begins with commands about our relationship with Him before addressing our relationships with others?**

**How do the commandments reflect God's character and His desire for His people?**

**What is the connection between obedience to God's commands and the concept of love for Him?**

**Are there any modern "idols" in your life—things you might be putting before God? How can you address them?**

**How do the Ten Commandments guide our daily choices, priorities, and attitudes?**

**How can we rely on God's Spirit to help us obey His commands, rather than depending on our own strength?**

**Can the ten commandments be summed up by obeying Mark 12:29-31? How?**

## APPLICATION

**Can you give an example of what it looks like to love God with all your (answer one at a time): Heart, Soul, Mind, Strength/Resources?**

**Brainstorm together some of the spiritual dangers of loving God with only one or two parts of our person. For example. what spiritual problems could a person encounter if she loved God with her mind but not her heart? Or if he loved God with his resources but not his soul?**

**Can you give practical examples of interplay between fear, obedience, love, and service in one of your relationships (parent/child, husband/wife)**

**If you were asked "are you neighborly?" How would you prove it? Strategize as a group one corporate act of kindness you could do in your community.**

## PRAYER